

## HUGHES' FRIENDS PLAN CAMPAIGN

Believe His Ill-Advised  
Admirers Have Made  
Blunders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Believing there has been too much blundering by well-wishing, but ill-advised admirers of Governor Hughes, friends of the New York executive, it is said in political circles, will inaugurate a movement within a week or ten days to place his candidacy in the hands of men thoroughly familiar with practical politics and push an aggressive campaign.

## SAYS RAILWAY OPERATION IS OVER-CENTRALIZED

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Over-centralization in railroad operation is denounced by F. A. Delano, president of the Wash. In a communication from him published in the Railway Age. It is his opinion that if many of the minor executive duties were left to the men on the ground, whose duty it is to put orders into effect, better results would be obtained. Centralization, he declares, also overloads the men, who otherwise would have time to devote to a few important duties and to meet the leaders of public opinion in the various communities.

## Cupid's Chief Lieutenant Must Take a Back Seat

New Jersey's New Marriage License Law  
Puts Stop to Work of Man Who Joined  
Ten Thousand Hearts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Lawrence P. Lee is neither a minister of the gospel nor an alderman, yet he has a record which makes the "Marrying Magistrate of Hoboken" look like six nickels, and which puts the Little Church Around the Corner in the rural parsonage class. In eight years he has officiated at 4,000 weddings, made 10,000 hearts beat as half that number, and single-handed has done more even than President Roosevelt to put race suicide out of business.

He is a notary public who is known on two continents as "Larry" Lee, and opposite his name on the official records of Ellis Island appears the insignificant title of "clerk of accounts."

Now Mr. Lee is to go out of commission as "Cupid's chief lieutenant" not voluntarily, but because of the marriage license law which becomes effective next Wednesday with the dawn of the new year.

Mr. Lee's marrying has all been done on the little dot of land in the upper bay which the Government has allotted to the immigration authorities, and the couples he has joined together have landed there from all parts of the world. Thousands of these marriages have been the happy termination of the legitimate course of true love, while many have been only the legal seal which has

## CARDINAL SAYS FRANCE ROBBED THE CHURCH

LYONS, Dec. 28.—Cardinal Coullié, Archbishop of Lyons, has issued a pastoral letter in which he describes in the most vigorous language what he terms the "sacriligious robbery" of the church in France during the first year of the application of the separation law. He predicts that the state will persist in its efforts to laicize the hospitals, suppress the Catholic orders which still remain, and put an end to Catholic schools.

The cardinal complains that, while a few of the faithful have been aroused to impotent indignation, the majority of them are wedded to their pleasure and business, and, deceived by the newspapers, have shown themselves indifferent to what is happening. He concludes with an appeal to Catholics to remain faithful, and says: "The evil days will pass, and eventually we will taste the joys of victory."

## MIDDIES' PAPERS BURNED, SECOND EXAM. PROBABLE

Owing to the destruction of the records by fire, which ruined the home of Lieut. Clarence F. Kempf, at Annapolis, it may be found necessary by the Navy Department to conduct another examination of the senior midshipmen who are just completing their second year of sea service.

The papers destroyed were those of final examination, and if another examination is ordered it will be necessary to hold it in all quarters of the globe where members of the class are stationed.

## Slain Woman Identified

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verse. "The affair can wait. We don't run matters to satisfy public curiosity." "I am satisfied with what Dr. Converse is doing," said Prosecutor Spear. "There is no need for haste. My detectives tell me no publicity should be given the case until they have investigated certain clues."

Drabell, Mrs. Wright, and others are doing all in their power in the meantime to aid the investigation.

Drabell thinks Miss O'Keefe, which is unquestionably the right name, probably borrowed the name of Nevins from a niece of the late Thomas Nevins, a millionaire contractor at Orange, in whose family she was employed for some time. "Though an excellent worker, he explains, it seemed strangely difficult for her to hold a position long, and he thinks it likely that she considered it unwise in asking Mrs. Wright for a position to advertise her history in Orange."

Mrs. Wright, whose identification preceded Drabell's says the woman sought a position as a housekeeper.

"She said she had been keeping house in Brooklyn," says Mrs. Wright, "but wished to move to New Jersey, as she had friends in Newark. She gave me her name but refused her address, as she said she was about to leave her place and would call on me again. She was so attractive that I was anxious to have her on my books."

Without seeing the clothing found near the victim's body Mrs. Wright accurately described it in telling how her visitor was dressed. On seeing the corpse she was positive in her identification.

It was through Thomas Flanagan, an

elevator operator in a department store in Newark, that the first evidence was discovered that the woman was there Christmas Eve.

After identifying the corpse Flanagan says the woman told him she had made an appointment to meet a man there about 9 o'clock. The man failed to come, however, and after expressing much impatience and saying he had disappointed her in the same manner after before, she left about 9:30 o'clock.

From other witnesses it is learned that she visited a Chinese restaurant and a German hotel, inquiring at both for the man she was seeking. That she afterward found this man is assumed from the fact that one witness in Newark and one in Harrison saw her Christmas with a "short, stocky built stranger with a dark mustache and clean shaven chin."

Who he was is a mystery. The police believe the woman spent Christmas Day with him and that he killed her Christmas night or that he can at least explain how she met her death.

The last find of the day was a mud-stained and torn fragment of a letter with the signature missing.

The letter is addressed to "My dear Cora," or "My dear cousin," and so much of it as can be made out reads: "—and thank God to help you. You may yet be saved, and thus restored to your loved ones. Now think seriously of these words. Pray earnestly over your future. God is good and I know."

The day brought forth another striking piece of evidence, however, which tonight was being very closely investigated. Four men, at 6 o'clock on Christmas night, returning from Newark, saw near the Pennsylvania railroad station at Harrison a canvas-covered wagon turn into the road which leads down to the embankment over which the woman's body was thrown.

The tracks of a wagon were followed along this path and down to a point about 100 yards from the fatal spot. There the wagon tracks described a loop, indicating that the wagon had come to a stop and had then turned around.

## King's Classmate Found Among Swine; Blow His Downfall

MELROSE, Mass., Dec. 28.—An investigation by the police of this city to unravel the life story of Charles Frederick Powell, known as the "Melrose Hermit," who was found in a pigery here last Monday, where he lay ill among the swine, and who died later in Melrose Hospital from pneumonia, has revealed the fact that he was a classmate of King Edward of England at Oxford.

He was made a tramp through remorse for a blow he struck his father several years ago. Powell gave every indication that he was possessed of an exceptionally good education, although his mode of life was that of a tramp.

## HUDSON TUBE TESTED; STEEL CARS ARE RUN

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The first test cars in the McAdoo tunnel from Hoboken to Manhattan was made privately yesterday in the north bore of the double-tube tunnel. The Hoboken terminus is the Lackawanna railroad depot, and the Manhattan end is at Morton street.

Steel cars were operated, and the tests were entirely successful. Mr. McAdoo and a number of officials and capitalists interested in the venture were aboard the cars which were sent back and forth from Manhattan to Hoboken.

WARM WAVE ALONG COAST.

A warm wave swept over Atlantic coast districts today. Maximum temperatures of 63 to 68 degrees were registered in several States. This city's temperature was within five degrees of the highest December temperature in the last thirty-six years. Coldest weather is predicted by Monday.

New Years Greetings From Washington's Leading Merchants

Goldenberg's, Mayer & Co., King's Palace, The Palais Royal, Kissner, The Bieder-Kaufmann, Behrend's, Hausson's Stores, Bon Marche, Motor Car Co. of Wash., The Famous, Lamsburgh & Bro., Family Shoe Store, R. Harris & Co., Kramm - The Florist, Mayer & Co., Louvre Glove Co., Esiman Bros., House & Herrmann, Shopkins Sailing Co., The Famous, Stump & Lyford, J. de Moll & Co., A. Eberly & Sons, Jim Hahn & Co., Saks. Fur. Co., Brownley's, Carter & Co., The Mode, Hugo Worch, F. G. Smith Piano Company, Wm. H. McArthur, Sidney & Reifman, "Money's Worth or Money Back", N. Hess Sons, John B. Esprey, Joseph Hueberbach, Valford's, J. C. H. Vance, Pattee Co., American National Bank, Sanders & Stayman Co., Jackson Bros., Rich's, Vogue, by Percy S. Foster, Manager, C.A. MUDDIMAN & Co., A. M. Minister